

## ALMA BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

## SOCIETIES.

**U. B. CHURCH**—Morning service at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:30. Evening service at 7:30. Rev. S. B. PORTERFIELD, Pastor.

**PREBYTERIAN CHURCH**—Morning service at 10:30. Sunday school at 11:30. Evening service at 7:30. Rev. C. L. RANSKY, Pastor.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH** (Episcopal)—Sunday services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 11:30 a. m. Rev. C. L. RANSKY, Pastor.

**M. E. CHURCH**—Morning service 10:30. Sunday school 11:30. Evening service 7:30. Young People's meeting Sunday evening at 6:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. C. E. HOAG, Pastor.

**THREE METHODIST CHURCH**—Sabbath school, 10:30 a. m., preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Local time.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**—Morning service 10:30. Sunday school 11:30. Evening service 7:30. Young People's meeting Sunday evening at 6:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Rev. M. S. HIGGINS, Pastor.

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**—Services 11:30 a. m. in W. R. C. hall. Reading room will be at the residence of Miss Louise Garrett and will be open Saturday from 2 to 5 p. m. to anyone desiring to read Christian Science literature.

## LODGES

**ALMA CHAPTER, No. 123, R. A. M.**—Regular meeting Monday night at 8 o'clock. M. E. POLLASKY, H. P. WALTER CAPLE, Sec'y.

**ALMA LODGE, F. & A. M.**—Regular meeting on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. M. E. POLLASKY, Sec'y.

**ALMA CHAPTER, O. E. S. No. 43**—Regular meeting on the 1st Friday of each month. Mrs. M. A. HOLLIDAY, Sec'y.

**ALMA ENCAMPMENT, No. 65, I. O. O. F.**—Meeting every alternate Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. W. S. BOGART, Sec'y.

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## STUDYING LAW.

## The Lawyer's Office Not What It Once Was For Students.

Questions regarding the study of law were sent out recently to many lawyers of Illinois by the University of Illinois and elicited 1,000 replies. From these it appears that the days of studying law in a lawyer's office have passed away. Very few of the offices have any law students at all. Many of the ablest lawyers expressed the opinion that study in a law office is an absolute waste of energy. Nearly all the successful law firms declared that they had no time to devote to young men who desired to study law and that such young men were a nuisance in the office. The only young man they could use at all was one who had already passed his examination for the state bar and who was willing to work for nothing for a year or two in order to get the experience which comes from a large office. Out of the 1,000 replies only seven favored preparation for the bar in a lawyer's office.

Another striking result of this investigation is found in the answers to the questions as to the proper degree of preliminary education a student should have before entering the law school. A majority of the whole number urged that every one taking up the study of the law should complete a full college course. Of the others a majority were in favor of at least two years in college. There was a practical unanimity that the completion of a four years' high school course was the absolute minimum which was at all acceptable. It was the general opinion that, having once entered the law school, the young man should give his entire time to the work of the school and not attempt to combine it with work in a lawyer's office or, indeed, work in any other place unless that was absolutely necessary to pay expenses. One lawyer declared that it was a poor school that could not keep a student busy all the time, and if a boy found himself in such a school he ought to leave it for one which could keep him busy.—Chicago News.

## PITH AND POINT.

A child is always surprised that you don't know the washerwoman at its house.

When you throw a friend a bouquet, don't throw it so he will catch the thorns in his hands.

Hope is a progressive game. One's children failing to become famous, the hope progresses to the grandchildren.

It is easy for a woman to be polite; all she has to do is to smile, but a man has to smile and raise his hat.

Worrying about the future is believing there will be ghosts tomorrow, though you know there are none today.

Parents are hard on their children when the children are young, and when the children are old the children are hard on the parents.—Atchison Globe.

## The Theological Labyrinth.

Stephen Essex, a Methodist minister, is the hero in "The Bishop's Niece." His state of mind after his early wanderings in the theological labyrinth is thus described by the author, George H. Pender:

At twenty-seven Stephen Essex had not made a perfect recovery from the panic into which a premature discovery of the plan of salvation had thrown him. He had employed the remedies which are prescribed to heal our common moral illnesses, but their abundance and variety as well as his disposition to leave none untried had retarded his convalescence. His present condition was that of one who, though realizing that he has failed, almost miraculously, just inside the end of opportunity, is still fearful of doing something which will undo everything.

## Knox and Scotland.

Scotland owes to Knox not its existing Presbyterian government—this was the achievement of Andrew Melville—but that which is the chief feature and main strength of Presbyterianism—viz, the full recognition of the laity in the administration of the church, combined with that orderly organization which Congregationalism fails to secure of the whole church to one representative and supreme authority. It is owing to Knox and his fellow reformers that the Scottish church avoids the danger both of hierarchy and of anarchy—"John Knox," by Professor Henry Cowan.

**A Bearded Freak.**—One of the wildest of the American bearded freaks was Louis Jasper, who lived in southern Virginia at about the time of the close of the Revolutionary war. His beard was blue and a half foot long and correspondingly thick and heavy. He could take his mustache between his fingers and extend his arms to their full length, and still the ends of the mustache were over a foot beyond his finger tips.

## Important Question.

The wasp was buzzing languidly around the house cat.

"You needn't come any nearer," said the cat.

"I won't hurt you," said the wasp. "I'm half sick today, anyhow."

"Which half?" asked the cat, backing off.—Chicago Tribune.

## Too Suggestive.

Henry Hyde: "You ought to be in the workhouse. Rootless Rufus—I know it, boss, but I just can't bear the idea!"

Henry Hyde: "You shouldn't be so proud. Rootless Rufus—Taint pride, boss; it's the name o' de place I can't stand."—Cleveland Leader.

Most people would rather preach half a day than practice half an hour.—Montreal Star.

## County News

## WHEELER

Julia Ellsworth is visiting in Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Hipolite, of South Wheeler, spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Chas. Suttin.

Warren Radway and wife returned to their home in Elsie the fore part of the week.

Philip Vanorman and wife are keeping house for Mr. and Mrs. Phelps during their absence.

Mrs. Faulkner went to Saginaw, Saturday, to spend a few days.

Dr. A. J. Ervey left Saturday for a few days' outing in Newaygo county.

David Lockwood, wife and daughter, are spending the week with friends in Ionia.

The Evangelist meetings are well attended at the M. E. church.

Miss Lucy Ritch returned Monday evening from Saginaw, where she has been attending school.

Ralph Taylor is home from Lansing for a few days' visit with his parents.

Jesse Ellsworth and wife, of Grand Rapids, are visiting relatives in town.

Mr. Faulkner has his store completed and will put in a stock of goods soon.

Mrs. Murphy visited friends in Merrill the fore part of the week.

Good looks comes from pure blood, pure blood from good health, and good health from Celery King. Celery King makes good health, pure blood and good looks. Herb or tablet form, 25c.

## SETHTON

Miss Nettie Stanley is working for Mrs. Orrin Upham.

Mrs. L. R. Wilson spent Sunday with her brother, Chas. Holliday, in Egypt.

Mrs. James J. R. Jarvis and V. H. Gardner, of this place, were callers at Minnie Locke's Tuesday.

A very large crowd witnessed the baptismal services Sunday. Five were baptized.

Miss Payne and Miss Corvill have been visiting at Mrs. Scott Payne's.

Fred Wilson and family spent Sunday at A. P. Moore's.

A wagon load from this vicinity attended the Dunkard meeting Saturday evening.

Mrs. Nettie Allen, of Grand Rapids, has been visiting Mosdames L. H. Wilcox and V. H. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ritter are receiving a visit from their daughter and family, of Saginaw county.

Glenn Wilcox and Terry Everts were at Maple Rapids Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gardner and Mrs. Vorne Gardner attended the bell raising at Carson City Saturday.

Doctors Could Not Help Her.

"I had kidney trouble for years," writes Mrs. Raymond Connor, of Shelton, Wash., "and the doctors could not help me. I tried Foley's Kidney Cure, and the very first dose gave me relief and I am now cured." Learnest say to much for Foley's Kidney Cure." Sold by Geo. L. Sharratt.

## CENTRAL LAFAYETTE

Walter Davis, of Saginaw, who is doing some music work in this locality, spent the Fourth in Saginaw.

James Street has been doing some music work in Ionia.

B. R. Jordan, who has been trying to get a drive well over since last winter, has finally succeeded in getting a good one.

Mr. VanOaks is adding a kitchen and woodshed to his home and is also putting in a new chimney. The work is being done by J. L. Fidler.

Daniel Baker's father from Clinton county has been visiting him.

J. L. Fidler has been breaking stone for H. Hales preparatory to building a wall under his house.

Last Friday night the boys gave John Dayringer a chivvany.

George Randall and family called on Arthur Wilhelm and wife last Sunday.

Diphtheria relieved in twenty minutes. Almost miraculous. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At any drug store.

## ARCADA DISTRICT NO. 5

Fred Bradford sold a pair of draft horses Saturday to parties from Grand Rapids for \$350.

Sam Wilcox has sold his land near the Wolfe bridge to a Mr. Todd, who will take possession next fall.

S. W. Peck and B. F. Cline had their phones taken out this week.

Several families south of Alma spent the 4th in B. F. Cline's grove.

## From the Record's Corps of Forty Special Correspondents

## SHEPHERD

L. D. Estee returned home from his ranch Thursday.

E. E. Gruber came Tuesday for a ten days' visit with his parents and other relatives who reside in Shepherd. His home is in Newberry, Upper Peninsula.

Mrs. L. Blanchette left Thursday morning for an extended visit in Van-buren county.

Thursday morning fire broke out in the residence of Geo. Disbrow, the station agent, at the corner of First street and Cottage avenue, but was extinguished before doing much damage.

W. L. Dibble returned home from Minneapolis, Tuesday, where he had been visiting a brother whom he had not seen before in about thirty-seven years.

Dr. E. B. Caldwell and wife have returned from a two weeks' visit at Ann Arbor.

Mrs. J. M. Melville is entertaining a niece from Chicago and a sister-in-law from Alabama.

Ed Axtell and wife returned last Saturday evening from a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Taylor and wife have returned from Milwaukee, where they had attended a Woodman convention. The doctor went as a delegate and was well pleased with the program and drills given.

Mrs. Dunham is quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Lemmon. Mrs. Bert Hyde is helping care for her.

## THE CRUEL PIANO.

Juvenile Sacrifices That Are Offered Up to the Instrument.

My landlady's little boy, separated from me only by a thin lath partition of a wall, is playing five finger exercises in halting rhythm and with innumerable false notes. The instrument is one in which the light of years has left a tone like a discontented nutmeg grinder.

The little boy, a pale child in a long pianoforte and big white ears, hates his chosen instrument as much as I do, and so we meet on a level of mutual affliction. I loathe hearing him, and he hates his instrument; now, in the name of good common sense, why must he be offered up as a sacrifice.

His mother is a poor woman, and the tinkling cottage piano with plaited faded green front represents the chops and many other wholesome things she has not eaten, and what she allows the young lady in the third floor back, who takes her board out in piano lessons, is a serious sacrifice. Now, I ask what for?

Why is all the world playing an unnecessary piano?

Marriage has a fatal effect on music. For some occult reason as soon as a girl is married the piano—the grave of so much money and time—retires out of active life and swathed in "art draperies," burdened by vases, cabinet photographs and imitation "curios" serves less as a musical instrument than a warning. But no sooner are the next generation's legs long enough to dangle between the keyboard and the pedals than the echoes awaken to the same old false notes that serve no purpose unless an hour of daily martyrdom over a tear splashed keyboard is an excellent preparation for the trials of life.—Mrs. John Lane in London Outlook.

A pathetic incident.

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Power of Sulphuric Acid.

An instance of the great dissolving powers of sulphuric acid is furnished by an accident which occurred in the chemical factories at Mulhouse, Alsace. An operative was blown up into the air and fell into a trough filled about three feet deep with sulphuric acid, the temperature of which was found to be 91 degrees C. ten hours after the accident. The death of the man was only proved by the discovery of his chautouche respirator, muzzle, two porcelain buttons and other insoluble articles. Everything else had chemically combined with the acid.—London Engineer.

Evil of Familiarity.

"A good friend," said Captain Bill, "is the greatest blessing a man can have. But men are like canal boats in lots of ways, and it doesn't pay for other men or boats to get so close together they wear one another's paint off."—New York News.

It Sometimes Happens.

His Wife—You're home at last! I thought you'd never come. Mr. Out-late—And absence instead of making the heart grow fonder has merely affected the temper.—New York Press.

Does your head ache? Celery King will cure headache—not only stop it, but remove the cause. 25c. at druggists.

## WEST PINE RIVER

Mrs. Alex. Robins is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. G. Johnson.

Mrs. D. Wright and brother, Charles Johnson, attended a spiritualist lecture held in South Wheeler Sunday.

C. F. Wright had a sick horse Sunday and also A. H. Brown had one Saturday.

There was a Saint's meeting held at J. T. Jones' Sunday.

Will Runk and wife, of Bethany, visited their friends here over Sunday.

Dudley Hoyt and wife and Korah Fookes and wife spent Sunday fishing.

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## LIGHT FASTER THAN SOUND.

## Some Everyday Incidents That Go to Prove This Fact.

About a thousand yards from the window where I sit is a factory which blows its whistle every noon. The steam always comes from the whistle some little time before the sound is heard. Yesterday I counted three seconds between the time when the first steam was seen and when the sound of the whistle was heard. The whistle is heard when the weather is foggy or clear, hot or cold, windy or calm. It is sometimes louder than at other times, but it always takes three seconds to travel the 3,000 feet from the factory to my house.

We often hear also an echo of the whistle, which comes two seconds later than the first sound. This is the same sound coming by a roundabout journey 5,000 feet away. It travels first 1,000 feet to a hill beyond and then is sent back 4,000 feet to our house.

A few days ago I heard a band of musicians playing upon the street, and, although they were far distant from me, the high tones of the piccolo and the low tones of the bass horn reached me exactly together, showing that high and low tones travel at the same speed.

During a thunderstorm I noticed a flash of lightning and counted ten seconds before the sound of the thunder was heard. This showed me that the storm was about 10,000 feet (or about two miles) away. A little later, however, the time between the lightning and the thunder began to grow less, and the noise of the thunder became louder, which showed that the storm was getting nearer. Finally a dazzling flash of lightning was followed immediately by a deafening crash of thunder, and at the same time the shingles flew from a patch of roof on a barn near by. It had been struck by lightning and was soon in flames.—St. Nicholas.

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